

William Edwin Butcher

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Death of Mr. W. E. Butcher.- The death took place at his residence, Rosedene, Medina-avenue, on Sunday, following an illness of two months, during which he underwent two operations at the County Hospital, of Mr. William Edwin Butcher, aged 78, a man who was well known and much esteemed in his callings as a dairyman and wholesale fruit merchant, which he carried on in the borough for about 30 years. Mr. Butcher was an Arreton man. He came to Newport 40 years ago as a travelling salesman, serving the firms of Ash and Thomas and Caws and James in that capacity for some years until he started on his own account. Later he took over the tenancy of Peartree Dairy, Barton, and successfully carried on business there in addition to his wholesale fruit interests, until his retirement about 10 years ago. Throughout his life he had been a staunch free churchman, first as a member of the Bible Christian Community at Arreton and as a worker at the Quay-street Methodist Church during his residence at Newport, and he was also one of the eldest members of the Newport tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites. He leaves a widow, daughter and two sons, with whom much sympathy is felt in their great loss. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the first part of the service being held at the Quay-street Methodist Church. The Rev. J. Higman officiated, and Mr. W. G. Bartlett at the organ, accompanied the singing of the hymns "Peace, perfect peace," and "For ever with the Lord." The family mourners were Mrs. Butcher (widow), Mr. and Mrs. A. Butcher and Mr. and Mrs. F. Butcher (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. Dyer (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. R. Butcher (grandson), Mr. and Mrs. A. Butcher (brother and sister-in-law), Mesdames T. Collis, and C. Whittington (sisters), Mr. H. J. Cooke (brother-in-law), Mesdames Pitt and Attrill (sisters-in-law), and Mesdames Hayward and J. Saunders (nieces). Mrs. Cooke (sister) was unable to be present owing to indisposition. Those also attending included Mr. W. C. Smith, T.C., and Mrs. Smith, Mr. A. James, C.C, T.C., and Mrs. James, Mr. S. Ramage (district secretary of the Rechabites), Mr. W. H. Downer, T.C. (secretary of the Onward Tent of Rechabites), Mrs. Downer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Morris, Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. P. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cooper, Mrs. S. W. Layley, and Messrs. P. J. Croucher, P. R. Croucher, (trust secretary, the deceased having been a trustee of the church), W. H. Sheath, C. Tutton, and M. Cheek. The interment followed at Newport Cemetery, and the floral tributes included wreaths from the Rechabites and the Quay-street Methodist Church. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements. - Mrs. Butcher and family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Foster and Nurse Cooper, all kind friends and neighbours for messages of sympathy, and for beautiful flowers sent.

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